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COUNTRY	Germany (Soviet Zone)		
TOPIC	Soviet Troops in the Schweinrich Training Area	50X1-HUM	
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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REFERENCES			
PAGES	2	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	
REMARKS			
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1. On 21 August 1951, light AA guns were seen firing at a towed sleeve target in the area south of Zempow at the Schweinrich (N 54/U 22) troop training grounds. The target was towed by a single-engine aircraft at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, and was dropped over the gun emplacements about half an hour later. Artillery guns were seen firing toward the south in the area about 2 km northwest of Neulutterow on 15, 17, 20, 22 and 24 August. The impact area was west of the Basdorf forestry office. Twelve T-34 tanks were engaged in a field exercise east of Zootzen on 21 August. A convoy of about 60 motor vehicles, each occupied by from 15 to 20 troops, was seen south of Zechlin on 22 August.

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No heavy weapons were noticed. A convoy of 11 tank trucks Wittstock and proceeding toward Schweinrich on 21 August Wittstock-Schweinrich road between 15 and 24 August incl-

was seen passing through

2. On 4 September, a Soviet tank unit practiced in Schweinrich, apparently a defense exercise of the town. Tanks were posted on all entrances of the town. Ten T-34/85 tanks were counted, and more tanks were apparently in the northern sector of the town which was blocked by sentries because of firing practice with light infantry weapons. Several tanks were seen on the hill northeast of Schweinrich. They apparently simulated the enemy. Gunfire, mostly individual reports, was heard from the training area.

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[REDACTED] No field exercises outside the Schweinrich troop training grounds were seen on 3 and 4 September [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is possible that elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div, besides components of the 18th Mecz Div, may have been involved in these field exercises.

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